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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON CONTROLLING TECHNOLOGY
THROUGH PRODUCT CONTROLS AND CONTROL STATUS OF EMBEDDED
COMPUTERS

REFS: PARIS 3630 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT FEBRUARY 14 COCOM MEETING, DUTCH DEL REITERATED WHY HIS AUTHORITIES WERE PROPOSING DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT TOPICS. HE NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF CONTROLLING TECHNOLOGY HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE MANY TIMES AND THAT IT WAS SUBJECT INVOLVING MANY DIFFICULTIES. DUTCH AUTHORITIES, HE SAID, HOPE TO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH PRACTICAL MEANS TO SOLVE PROBLEM. HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO CONTROL MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT THAN END-PRODUCTS AND THAT THE EMBARGO SYSTEM CAN BE MADE MORE RATIONAL BY PLACING THE EMPHASIS ON SUCH CONTROL. TURNING TO THE EMBEDDED COMPUTER ISSUE, DUTCH DEL NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM IN THIS AREA REVOLVED AROUND DIFFERENCES OF INTERPRETATION. DUTCH AUTHORITIES HE SAID WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS ISSUE CLARIFIED BEFORE LIST REVIEW SO THAT THERE
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IS NOT A DEBATE EVERY TIME ITEMS INVOLVING EMBEDDED COMPUTERS ARE DISCUSSED. DUTCH CONCLUDED BY SUGGESTING APRIL 3 AS OPENING DAY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THESE TOPICS.

2. MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS SAID THEY COULD AGREE TO THIS DATE, THOUGH UK, FRANCE AND BELGIUM DID SO ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS. GERMANY DEL SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION COULD

AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING BUT HE COULD NOT SAY NOW WHETHER ANY GERMAN TECHNICIANS WOULD BE SENT. JAPANESE DEL SAID IT WAS "SLIGHTLY POSSIBLE" THAT JAPANESE TECHNICIANS WOULD PARTICIPATE.

3. USDEL CALLED ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT HE MADE AT JANUARY 31 MEETING AND REITERATED THAT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHEN THE U.S. ANALYSIS OF THE EMBEDDED MICROPROCESSOR ISSUE WOULD BE FAR ENOUGH ADVANCED FOR USEFUL DISCUSSION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT U.S. BELIEVED IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO EXCHANGE VIEWS IN MEMORANDA AND CLARIFY THE ACTUAL ISSUES PRIOR TO DECIDING ON A DATE FOR DISCUSSION.

4. NO DELEGATION SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. POSITION AND THE DUTCH DEL SUGGESTED THAT IN CHANGING MEMORANDA COMMITTEE MIGHT JUST BE LOSING TIME. TIMING OF DISCUSSIONS WILL BE AGAIN ON THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28 MEETING.

5. USDEL SUGGESTS THAT IT BE INSTRUCTED TO ADOPT ONE OF FOLLOWING POSITIONS AT FEBRUARY 21 MEETING. (A) THAT U.S. IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN APRIL 3 MEETING BUT MUST LEAVE OPEN QUESTION OF WHETHER U.S. WOULD BE SENDING EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON. IF THIS APPROACH IS ADOPTED, WASHINGTON AGENCIES COULD THEN DETERMINE WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT USEFUL TO HAVE TECHNICIANS FROM WASHINGTON PARTICIPATE IN SUCH MEETING. (B) PROPOSE
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AN ALTERNATIVE DATE WHEN IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. ANALYSIS OF THE EMBEDDED MICROPROCESSOR ISSUE MIGHT BE COMPLETED. APPROACH (B) COULD BE SUGGESTED FIRST AND IF THE COMMITTEE DISAGREED WITH POSTPONING THE MEETING, USDEL COULD THEN AGREE TO APRIL 3 AS SPELLED OUT IN (A) ABOVE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON U.S. POSITION FOR FEBRUARY 21 MEETING.
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